

September 28, 2007

Re: Erroneous Federal Tax Lien Releases

The IRS recently notified recording offices that erroneous Releases of Federal Tax Liens dated August 5, 2007, stamped as "Taxpayer Copy" had been sent to an unknown number of taxpayers. In a follow up letter dated September 17, 2007, the IRS sent a second notice along with a list of the taxpayers that received the erroneous releases.

When preparing or examining abstracts, do not assume that a Release of Federal Tax Lien dated August 5, 2007 is valid. Similarly, closers and other settlement service providers should not accept any Release stamped "Taxpayer Copy" dated August 5, 2007 as evidence of payment of a federal tax lien. In no case should anyone attempt to record such a release

For more information, please call the IRS Small Business/Self-Employed Division special Recorder telephone number 1-800-913-4170.

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